

§ 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

### *Amendments*

#### *In the Specification:*

Please substitute the 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph on page 2 (lines 24-26), with the following paragraph:

Q' Figures 1A-B show the nucleotide sequence (SEQ ID NO:1) and the deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of PDEF. Regions of conservation to the pointed and Ets domains are indicated by single and double underline, respectively.

Substitute the 2<sup>nd</sup> full paragraph on page 3 (lines 16-22), with the following paragraph:

7 2 Figures 4A-C show the tissue distribution of PDEF expression in different human fetal (Figure 4A) and adult tissues (Figures 4B-C) by Northern hybridization. The blots were sequentially probed with PDEF (upper panel), ESE-1 (middle panel) and GADPH cDNA probes (lower panel) under stringent conditions using poly(A)+ mRNA from the indicated tissues (See Example 3 of present invention). A skilled artisan would readily associate the intensity and location of the bands with respect to the blot as indicative of both the abundance and size of the PDEF mRNA within each tissue.

Substitute the 3<sup>rd</sup> full paragraph on page 3 (lines 24-28), with the following paragraph:

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Figures 5A-B show the tissue distribution of PDEF expression within poly(A)+ mRNA from human fetal and adult tissues by Dot Blot Hybridization. The blot was probed with PDEF under the conditions described in Example 3 of present invention. A skilled artisan would readily associate the intensity of the dots as indicative of both the abundance of the PDEF mRNA within each tissue.

Substitute the 4<sup>th</sup> full paragraph on page 3 (lines 30-33), with the following paragraph:

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Figures 6A-D show *in situ* hybridization studies. Paired brightfield (A, C) and corresponding polarized fluorescence (B, D) photomicrographs. Intense labeling of prostate epithelium in normal lung is seen with antisense probe to PDEF mRNA (A, B). No labeling is seen with control sense probe (C, D).

***In the Claims:***

Please substitute the following claims for pending claims 24, 51, 105, 107, 109, 111, 128, 137 and 154:

24. (Twice Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a first nucleic acid at least 90% identical to a reference nucleic acid selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleic acid encoding amino acids 142 to 211 of SEQ ID NO:2;